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SUBJ: SITUATION IN EAST JERUSALEM; MILITARY ACTIVITY ON
WEST BANK

1. MOST SHOPS WERE OPEN IN EAST JERUSALEM OCTOBER 11, AND
FAIR NUMBER OF TOURISTS AND ARABS IN STREETS. FEW ISRAELIS IN
EVIDENCE, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF SUCCOTH HOLIDAY. ISRAELI SECURITY
FORCES AT SAME LEVEL AS PAST DAYS. IN AT LEAST ONE SECTION
OF WALLED CITY, SOMEONE HAD PAINTED OUT ENGLISH AND HEBREW
NAMES ON STREET SIGNS, LEAVING ONLY ARABIC -- SMALL SYMBOL OF
INCREASED NATIONAL SELF-ASSERTION WE SENSE AMONG ARABS THESE
DAYS.

2. CONGENOFF DROVE MIDDAY OCTOBER 11 FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICHO,
ALONG JORDAN VALLEY ROAD TO NABLUS-DAMIYA BRIDGE ROAD, UP LATTER
TO NABLUS AND RETURN TO JERUSALEM. SAW BULLDOZERS, SMALL NUM-
BER OF TROOPS, AND WHAT APPEARED BE ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AT INN
OF GOOD SAMARITAN ON JERICHO ROAD (JERUSALEM 1102). FEW TROOPS
EVIDENT IN JERICHO, BUT 33 TANK CARRIERS PARKED ON MAIN STREET.
SOME PATROLS BUT OTHERWISE NOT MUCH MILITARY TRAFFIC ON VALLEY
ROAD. ARTILLERY PIECES DEPLOYED TO SIDE OF ROAD, POINTED EAST.

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VALLEY NAHALS SEEMED TO BE ON ALERT, WITH TROOPS IN TRENCHES

ALONG EASTERN PERIMETERS. HEAVIER CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS
STATIONARY AT POINTS ALONG NABLUS-DAMIYA BRIDGE ROAD. LARGE
BULLDOZER PARKED ON NARROW CURVE (TO THROW BLOCK ACROSS ROAD
IF NECESSARY?). VERY LITTLE MILITARY TRAFFIC ON NABLUS-
JERUSALEM ROAD; TAXI AND BUS TRAFFIC NORMAL TO LIGHT.
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